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Drawing Table.

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Fig. 1.

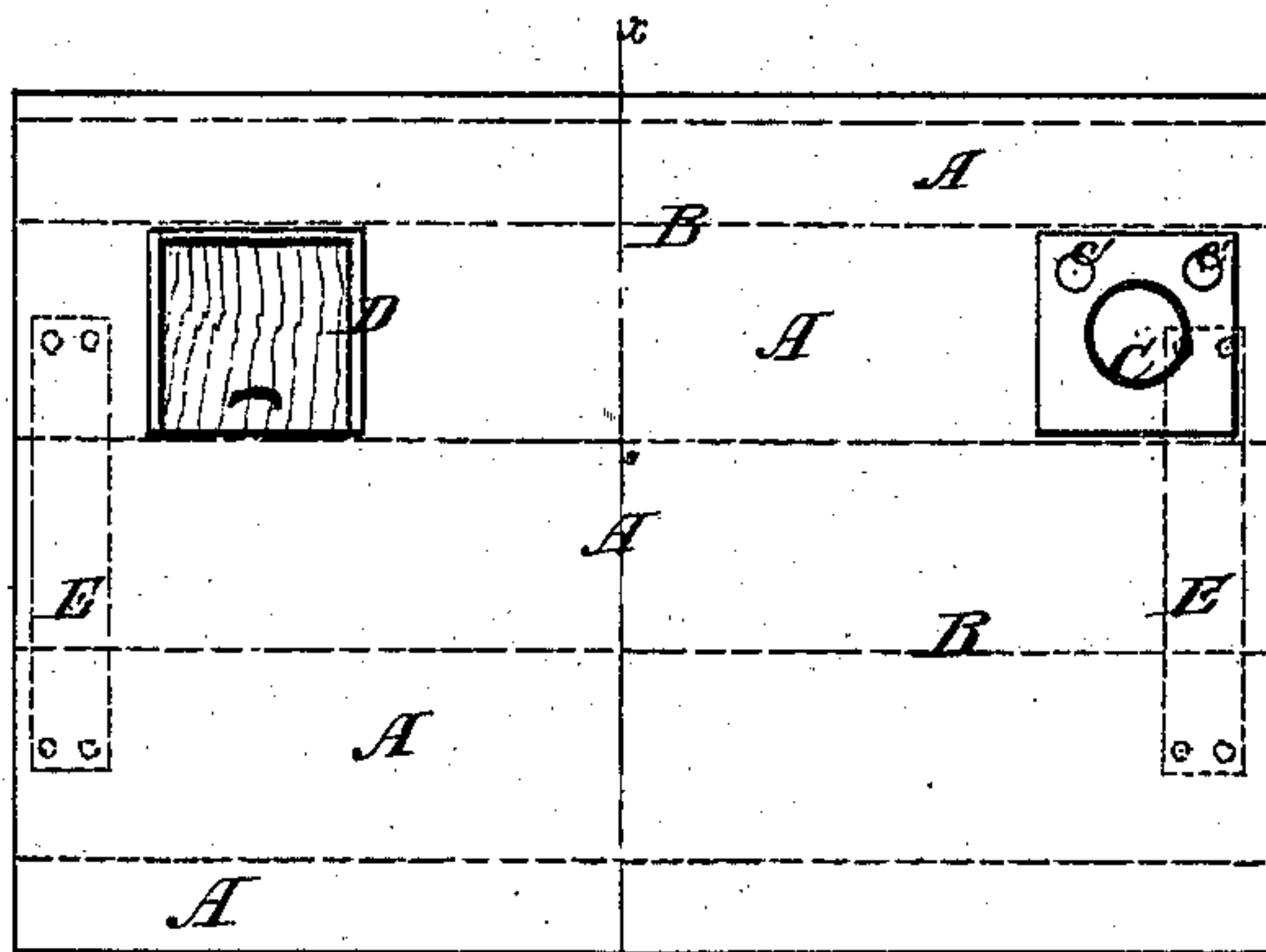


Fig. 2.

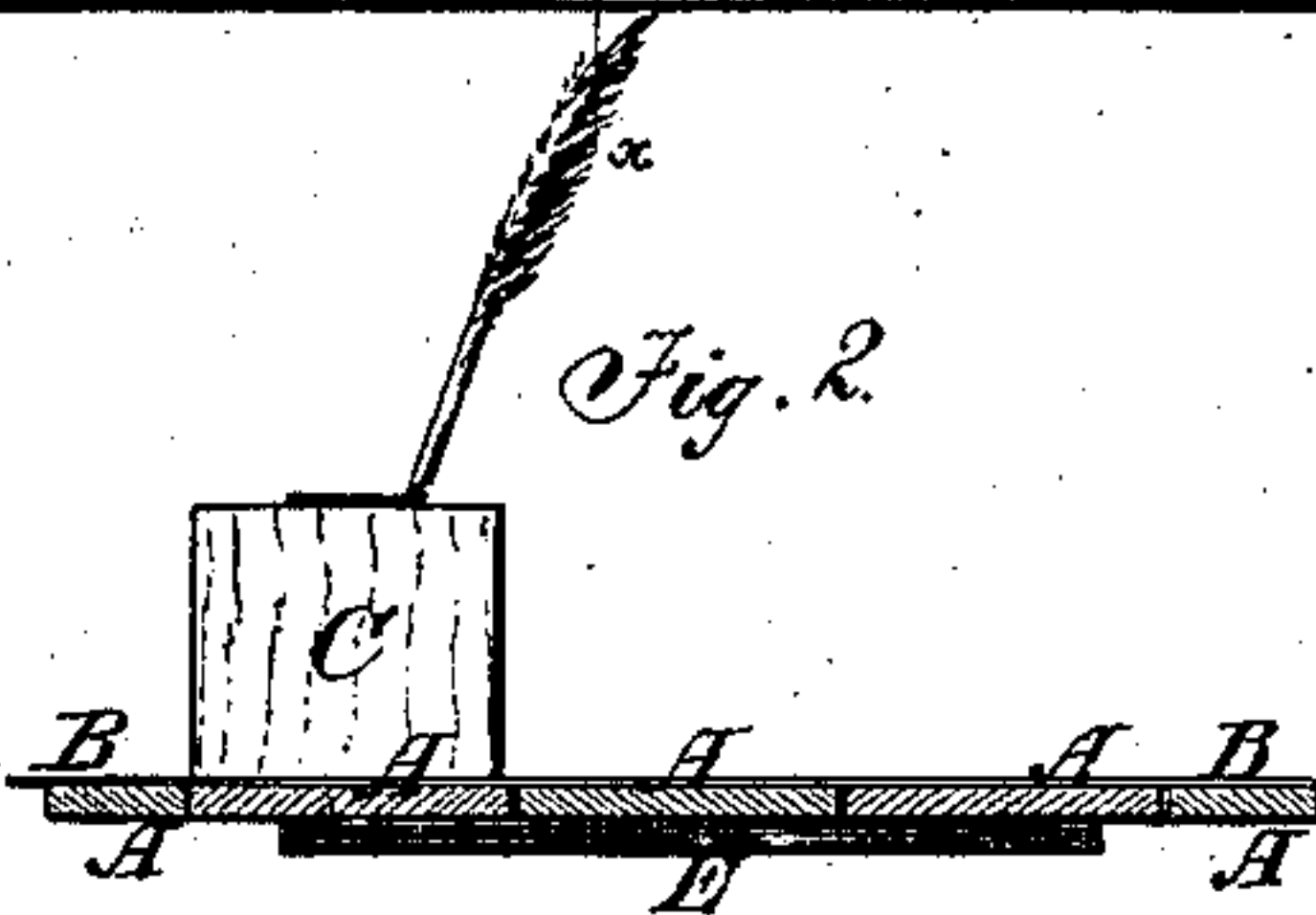
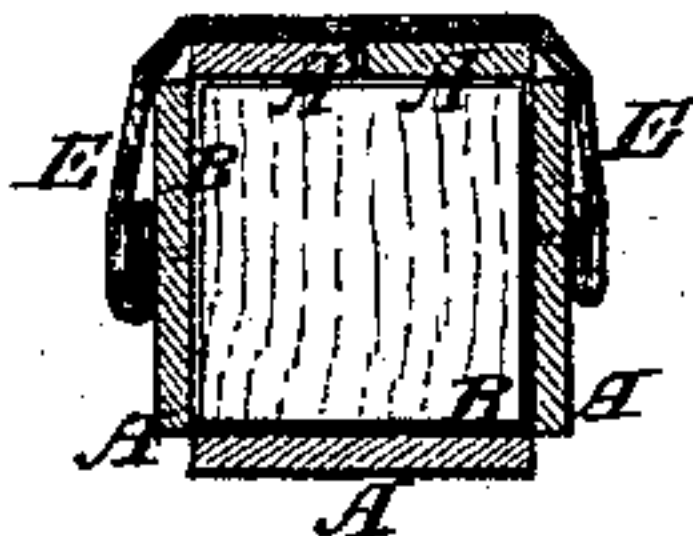


Fig. 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN PORTABLE ESCRITOIRES.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WALTER G. MITCHELL, of Holliston, in the county of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Portable Escritoir; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 represents my improved escritorio open.

Figure 2 is a cross-section of the same, taken through the line *z z*, fig. 1.

Figure 3 is an end view of the same closed.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

My invention has for its object to furnish a simple, convenient, and inexpensive escritorio, which shall be so constructed and arranged that, when opened up for use, it may serve as a smooth and firm writing-table, and when closed, for transportation, may be folded up into small compass, and, at the same time, serve as a receptacle for paper, pens, inkstand, stamp-box, &c.; and

It consists in the construction and arrangement of the various parts, as hereinafter more fully described.

A are bars or plates, of suitable length and breadth, and of such a thickness as to give them the necessary strength and rigidity.

The plates A are five in number, three being of the same breadth and the other two being each of half the breadth of either of the three.

The plates A are laid edge to edge, the first and last plates being the narrow ones, and are secured, and at the same time, to each other by a piece, B, of leather, rubber, cloth, or other suitable flexible mate-

rial, the said cover B thus forming a smooth surface for the paper while being written upon.

C represents an inkstand, which should be made square, each side being of a breadth equal to the breadth of one of the wider pieces A.

The inkstand C may be provided with holes *c'*, to receive pen-holders, pencils, &c.

D represents a small box for containing stamps, pens, &c., which should also be made square, and its sides of the same breadth as the sides of the inkstand C.

In folding up the escritorio the inkstand C and box D are laid upon the central plate A, close to its ends, and the other plates A are turned up around them, the outer edges of the narrow plates A meeting at the center of the upper side of said inkstand and box. A space is thus formed, between the inkstand C and box D, for paper, pencils, pen-holder, &c.

E are rubber straps, the ends of which are secured to the outer two of the three wider plates A, near their ends, as shown in figs. 1, 2, and 3.

The rubber straps E, when the escritorio is opened out, keep the plates A flat.

When the escritorio is folded up the rubber straps E are turned over the folded ends, as shown in fig. 3, and keep the various parts securely in place.

Having thus described my invention,

I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

An improved portable escritorio, A B C D E, said parts A B C D E being constructed, arranged, and operating substantially as herein shown and described, and for the purpose set forth.

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